Subject: 1796 quarter dollar, etc.

Ellis, Frank Elmer

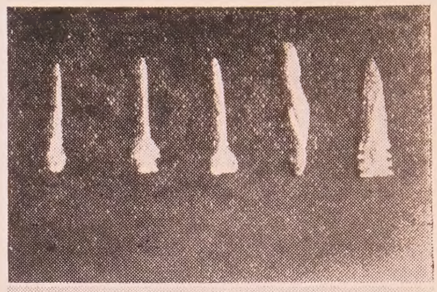
[Webster Groves, Mo]

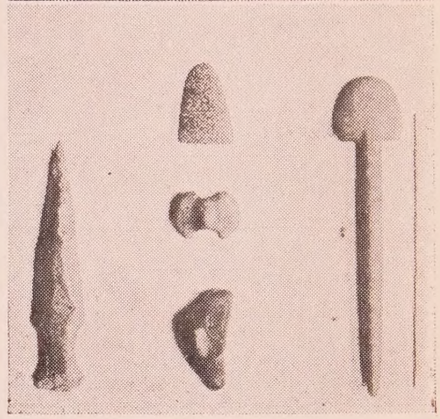
1920-1923

[Founder, St. Louis Stamp + Coin Co.]

F. E. ELLIS,

OLD TIME PISTOLS, | COLLECTOR OF | INDIAN RELICS,





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Mr. Howland Wood,

30 Elm Place, WEBSTER GROVES, MO. October 9, 1920.

c/o American Numismatic Society,

New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I will tell you who I am, and you will doubtless remember me.

I founded the St.Louis Stamp and Coin Company, and conducted it until 1907 when it was sold to the present owner.

One time when in Boston I had the pleasure of meeting you, and went out to your house in Brookline.

What I am writing about now is to inquire if the Society would not like to buy some rare coins that I have.

I will make very reasonable prices on them, and send on approval for your inspection.

For instance, I have some rare Mexican pieces, desirable Crowns from several Countries, etc.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Yours truly,

F. E. Ellis

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P.S.
My present activities are largely confined to antique fire arms, and Pre-historic Indian Relics.
Can you give me the names of any private collectors along these lines? Of course, I know some of the people connected with the American Museum of Natural History, but in a City the size of New York there must be many private collectors of whom I have not heard.

F.E.E.

October 15th, 1920.

Mr. F. E. Ellis,
30 Elm Place,
Webster Groves, Mo.

My dear Mr. Ellis:-

I certainly remember you, and am very glad to hear from you again.

Like most Museums, we are much more interested in coins than we have money to spend. I would, however, like to see what you might have in Mexico and South America and Oriental coins, as these we specialize in more than European.

For the European crowns, I would advise you to write to Mr. Moritz Wormser, 95 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who is a very active collector and thoroughly reliable.

I do not know of any private collector of Indian relics, but the Museum in the same square with us - Museum of the American Indian, Broadway & 155th Street, New York - is the most active collector of these in America, and if you do not know of them would certainly advise you getting in touch with them.

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

F. E. ELLIS,

OLD TIME PISTOLS, | COLLECTOR OF | INDIAN RELICS,

COINS

Mr. Howland Wood,

30 Elm Place, WEBSTER GROVES, MO. October 26, 1920.

Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts,

New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your favor of recent date.

If nothing happens I expect to be in New York City next week, and will call personally at the Museum and show you some coins that I will have along with me.

Thanking you for your kind letter, and the information therein, I am,

Yours truly,

F. E. Ellis

F. E. ELLIS,

COLLECTOR OF

Coins, Indian Relics,

and Old Time Pistols.

30 Elm Place, WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

January 24 1923.

Howland Wood,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City,
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Dear Sir-:-

Answering your favor of recent date, will state that I am much obliged for the kind invitation to join The American Numismatic Society.
I would like to do this, but it does not seem advisable just now.
My wife is laid up with a broken leg, and on that account I am badly in debt, and have some huge doctor bills to pay yet.
It is better not to take on any more obligations for the present.
I would be glad to sell the society my 1796 ~~1~~ 1/4 dollar, which I believe to be one of the finest in existence.
One time when I was in N.Y.C. you and I compared it with the society piece, and found mine was the best, as yours had the usual defect on the eagles neck.
Shall I send on approval for your inspection, at the price it cost me a long time ago, viz. $57.50?
Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Yours truly,

F. E. Ellis

January 26th, 1923

Mr. F. E. Ellis
30 Elm Place
Webster Groves, Mo.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am certainly sorry to hear that your wife is laid up and trust that all of you will soon be on your feet again.

Unfortunately, this Society at the present time has no money to spend for coins, and I fear that we cannot take advantage of your offer of the 1796 quarter-dollar.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E